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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. JP 2001-312566 published November 9, 2001 together with English language abstract; and
2. Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. JP 2002-351976 published December 6, 2002 together with English language abstract.

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